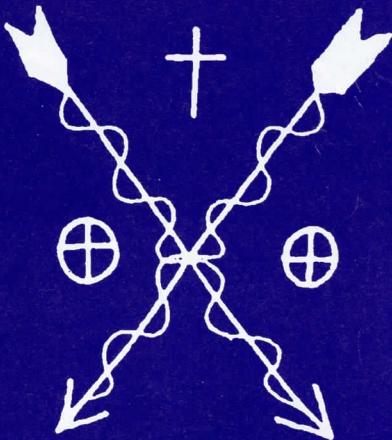


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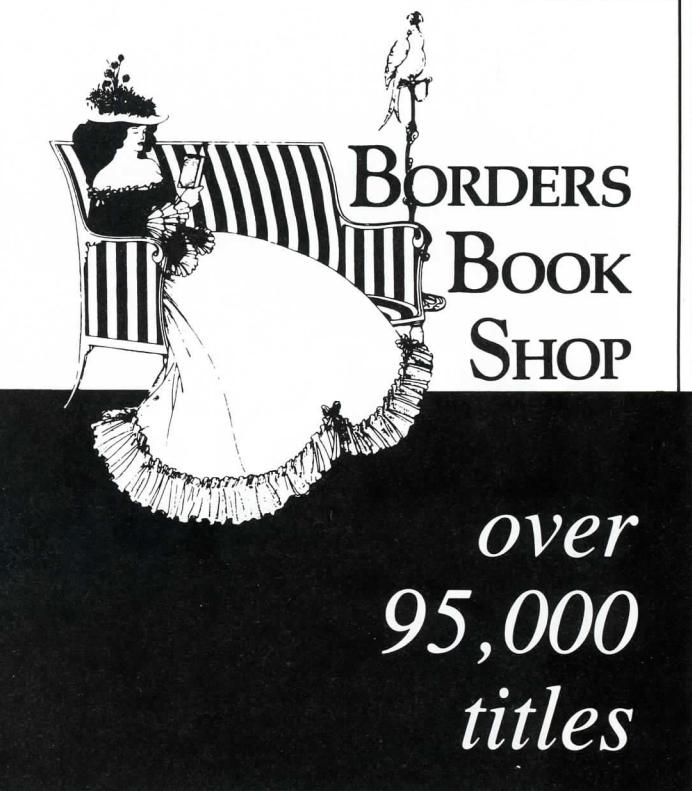
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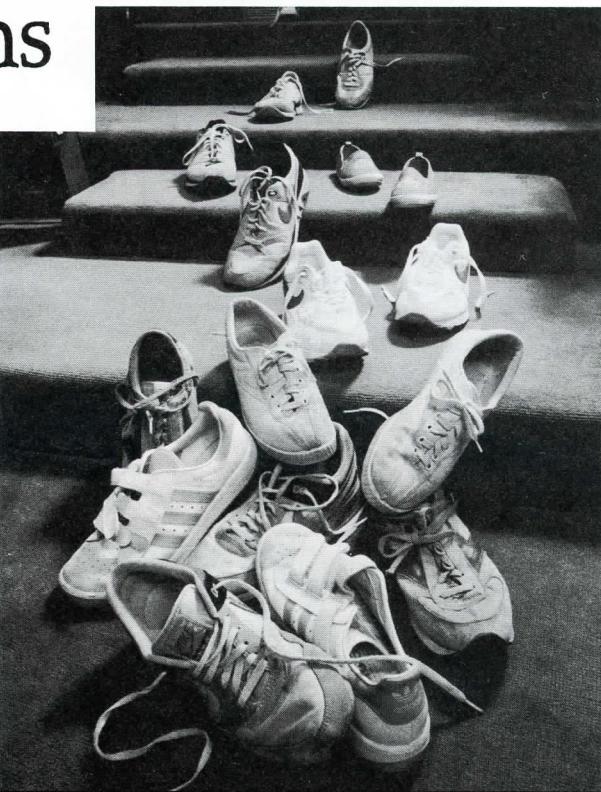
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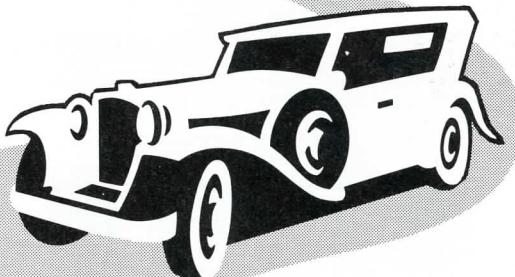
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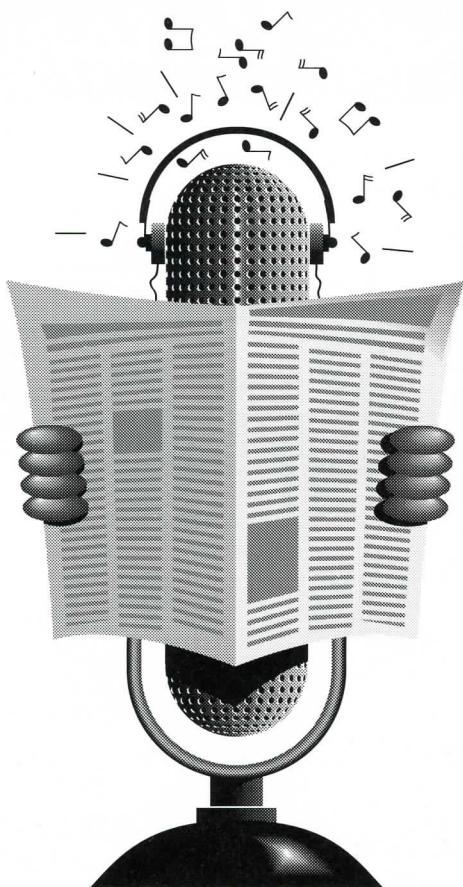
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November 7-10, 1991

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Scenic Designer
Warren Lehmkuhle

Costume Designer
Laura Crow

Lighting Designer
Shirley Prendergast

Sound Designer
Jim Lillie

Choreographer
Linda Spriggs

Vocal Coach
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The Cast

(in order of appearance)

Dancer	Dafinah Blacksher
Dr. Marta Gotterling	Gwendolyn Grote
Young Boy	Remy Romano
Women Villagers	Charese Davis Kelly Langford Ony Danchimah
Peter	Damon Gupton
Charlie Morris	Mark M. Wilson
Dr. Willy Dekoven	John Connon III
Major George Rice	Erich Jungwirth
Soldiers	Romel Williams Scott Mahler
Prisoner	Brian Meeks
Madame Neilsen	Heather Raffo
Eric	Sam Prince
Tshembe Matoseh	Jiba Anderson
Abioseh Matoseh	Joniah Martin
Warriors	Jimie Blair Romel Williams
Mondeke	Brittany Blair
NGago	Chris Washington
Drummers	Alain Bantsimba Biza Sompia Thomas Gomez

Director's Notes

"If there is no struggle there is no progress. Those who profess to favor freedom and yet deprecate agitation, are men who want crops without plowing up the ground, they want rain without thunder and lightning. They want the ocean without the awful roar of its many waters."

"This struggle may be a moral one, or it may be a physical one, and it may be both moral and physical, but it must be a struggle. Power concedes nothing without a demand. It never did and it never will. Men may not get all they pay for in this world, but they must certainly pay for all they get. If we ever get free from the oppressions and wrongs heaped upon us, we must pay for their removal. We must do that by labor, by suffering, by sacrifice, and if needs be, by our lives and the lives of others."

— Frederick Douglass

On January 12, 1965, a little more than a month before the assassination of Malcolm X, Lorraine Hansberry died; she was thirty-four. From the blood of Malcolm a new people arose, as if it were Easter morning and the shedding of the blood itself had rolled away the stone from the tomb of the race. And, having risen, the people swept across the land, an avenging tornado of blackness. Today the storms have passed and, in the quietness, the voice and vision of Lorraine Hansberry needs to be heard. It was there all along, but we weren't ready to listen. Now perhaps we are.

About the Cast

Jiba Anderson (*Tshembe Matoseh*) Art — sophomore — Detroit, MI

Dafinah Blacksher (*Dancer*) LS&A — sophomore — Ithaca, N.Y.

Jimie Blair (*Warrior*) Psychology — freshman — Ann Arbor, MI

Brittany Blair (*Mondeke*) Ann Arbor, MI

John Connon III (*Dr. Willy Dekoven*) Theatre and Drama — senior

Gwendolyn Grote (*Dr. Marta Gotterling*) Theatre and Drama — sophomore — Quincy, IL

Damon Gupton (*Peter*) Music Education — sophomore — Detroit, MI

Erich Jungwirth (*Major George Rice*) Theatre and Drama — senior — Birmingham, MI

Joniah Martin (*Abioseh Matoseh*) Theatre and Drama — senior — Ann Arbor, MI

Sam Prince (*Eric*) Theatre and Drama/English — senior — Detroit, MI

Heather Raffo (*Madame Neilsen*) senior — Okemos, MI

Remy Romano (*Young Boy*) New York, NY

Chris Washington (*NGago*) Dance — senior — Pontiac, MI

Romel Williams (*soldier/warrior*) LS&A — sophomore — Detroit, MI

Mark M. Wilson (*Charlie Morris*) Theatre/English — senior — Pittsburgh, PA

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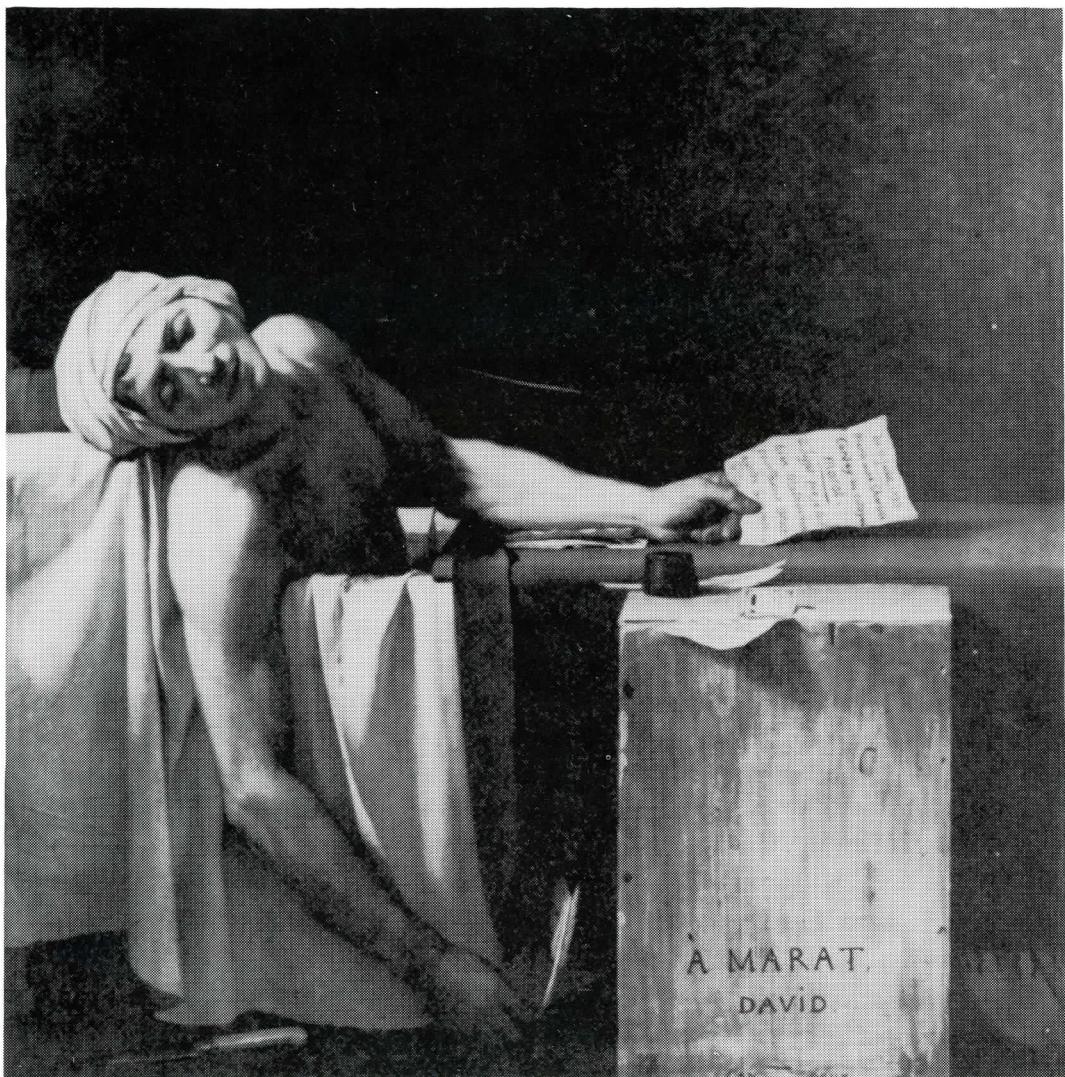
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About the Artists

Lorraine Hansberry (*Playwright*) One of America's pre-eminent playwrights, Lorraine Hansberry is best known for *A Raisin in the Sun*. With this play, she became the first black woman to have a play on Broadway, as well as the first black and youngest American to win the New York Drama Critics' Circle Award (1959). *A Raisin in the Sun* was produced and published in some thirty countries and her screen adaptation was given a Cannes Film Festival Award. Her other works include *The Sign in Sidney Brustein's Window* and *To Be Young, Gifted, and Black*. Ms. Hansberry died of cancer in 1956 at the age of 34. Both *Les Blancs* and *To Be Young, Gifted, and Black* were adapted by her former husband and literary executor Robert Nemiroff and produced posthumously.

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About the Artists, cont.

Laura Crow (Costume designer)

- Associate professor of Design, Department of Theatre and Drama
- Costume designer, seven Broadway productions
- Costume designer, 92 regional theatre, productions in America and England
- Costume designer, over 200 professional productions world-wide

Charles A. Jackson (Director)

- Assistant Professor and Black Theatre Studies Coordinator, Department of Theatre and Drama
- Founder, African American Artists Unlimited Theatre Company
- Director, *Joe Turner's Come and Gone*, *Long Time Since Yesterday*, *The Mighty Gents*, *Home* (University Players); *Out at Sea* (Detroit Repertory Theatre); *Big River* (Grand Rapids Circle Theatre)
- Malcolm X and Martin Luther King, *The Meeting*, 1515 Broadway Theatre (Detroit)

Warren Lehmkuhle (Scenic Designer)

- Second-year graduate student in design, Department of Theatre and Drama
- Scenic designer, *Cabaret*, Musket
- Assistant scenic designer, *Tartuffe*, University Players
- Scenic designer, *Company*, U-M Flint

Shirley Prendergast (Lighting Designer)

- Lighting designer, *Don't Get God Started*, *Paul Robeson*, Broadway
- Lighting designer, The Negro Ensemble Co., Crossroads Theatre Co., the New Federal Theatre
- Recipient of four Audelco awards and the Estells Evans Award, presented by Black Women in Theatre

Linda Spriggs (Choreographer)

- Assistant Professor, Department of Dance
- Principal dancer, Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre, New York City
- Director/Choreographer, *Ain't Misbehavin'*, Ann Arbor Civic Theatre
- Featured soloist, Black Arts Festival (Atlanta, Georgia), performing *The Griot*, work choreographed for Ms. Spriggs by reknowned choreographer Pearl Primus

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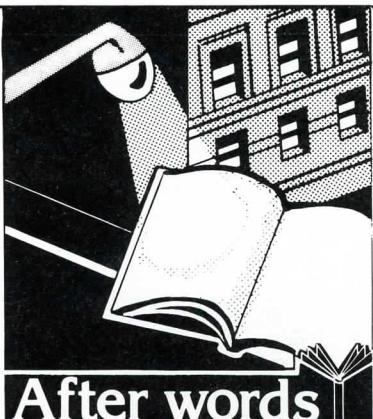
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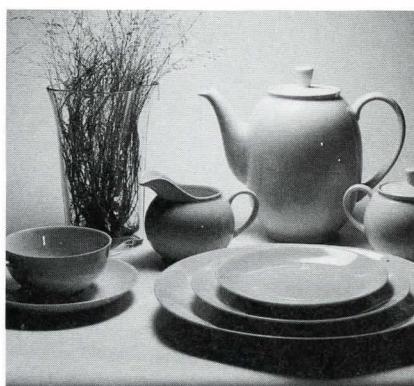
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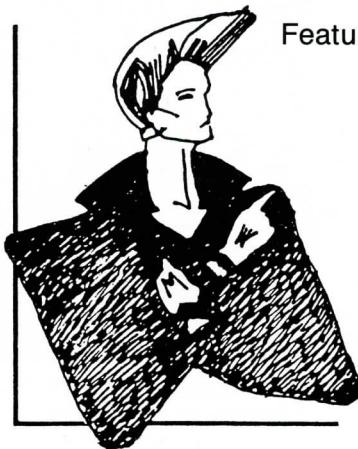
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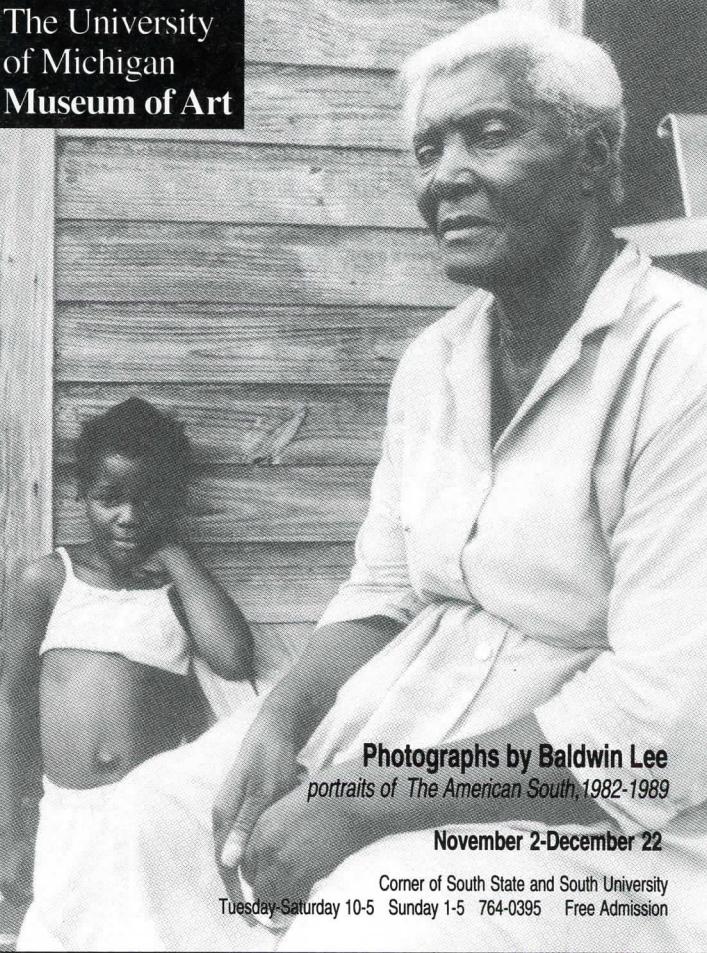
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